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annual value of £250. The usual tenure is for three years, but the trustees have power in exceptional cases to grant an extension for one year.

#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

MR. JACOB H. SCHIFF has given \$100,000 to Cornell University to promote studies in German culture.

THE million dollar fund for the further endowment of the Medical School of Western Reserve University has been completed.

DE PAUW UNIVERSITY has just brought to a successful close the campaign to raise \$400,000 to meet the conditional gift of \$100,000 from the Rockefeller Educational Board. The subscriptions total a little more than \$440,000. This will make the productive endowment of the university something above \$1,000,000.

ON December 13 an anonymous gift of £30,000 was made to the University of London, to be devoted to the erection at University College of the buildings for the new school of architecture, resulting from the amalgamation of the architectural department of University College and King's College. Any balance is to be used for providing studios for the teaching of sculpture and the rearrangement of the school of fine art and for the department of applied statistics, including the laboratory of eugenics.

THE Supreme Court of Illinois, on the final day of its fall term, failed to hand down a decision in the case involving the validity of the appropriation made by the legislature for the Medical School of the University of Illinois.

FOLLOWING the custom of recent years, the United States government has sent officers of the army and navy to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to receive instruction in electrical engineering. These are in addition to the graduates of the Naval Academy who are sent to take a course in naval architecture. This year the Naval Academy is represented by Ensign G. K. Calhoun, who was graduated from Annapolis in 1908. He has recently been stationed at the United States Naval

Observatory at Washington where he has done considerable original work in wireless telegraphy, ship propulsion, gyroscopic compasses and chronometers. The army is represented by Captain Edward Canfield, West Point, 1901, and First Lieutenant F. Q. C. Gardner, West Point, 1904. Both officers have been connected with the Coast Artillery Corps, Captain Canfield being stationed at Puget Sound and Lieutenant Gardner at Fortress Monroe. Both men will pursue a special course in electrical engineering.

THE council of the University of Paris has sanctioned a scheme for an exchange of students between the universities of Paris and London.

THE Veterinary School of Lyons, France, said to be the oldest in the world, will celebrate the hundred and fiftieth anniversary of its foundation next May.

DR. CLYDE A. DUNIWAY, of the University of Montana, has been informed by the Board of Control that he will not be reappointed as president of the university. It is understood that this action has been taken because President Duniway refused to appoint a local politician as dean of the law school of the university.

#### DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

WHAT IS BIOLOGY AND WHAT IS A "BIOLOGICAL SURVEY"?

THE occasion for the present note is found in the recent publication of "A Biological Survey of Colorado."<sup>1</sup> Probably most students of plants and animals have long wished that the word "biology" had never been coined. It is so often misunderstood by the non-scientific person. In the days of the old taxonomy and of the former rigid morphology there were few people really interested in both plants and animals. With the advent of ecology, and more recently of genetics, botanists and zoologists have been brought together and

<sup>1</sup> Issued as "North American Fauna," No. 33, as a publication of the Bureau of Biological Survey, Washington, 1911. The author, Merritt Carey, is stated to be "Assistant Biologist, Biological Survey."